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## United States Embassy Skopje, Macedonia Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Demonstrations throughout Macedonia on April 19, 2016

The U.S. Embassy in Skopje informs U.S. citizens that the civic movement "Protestiram" has announced a protest in Skopje at 18:00 today, April 19, 2016. The demonstrators plan to assemble at the Special Prosecutor's Office in central Skopje and march toward Parliament, VRMO-DPMNE headquarters and/or the Government Building. Similar protests are also expected in Bitola, Kumanovo, Stip, Strumica, and Veles.

Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. You should avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations.

## For further information:

- See the <u>State Department's travel website</u> for the <u>Worldwide Caution</u>, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and <u>Macedonia Country Specific Information</u>.
- Enroll in the <u>Smart Traveler Enrollment Program</u> (<u>STEP</u>) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- Contact the U.S. Embassy in Macedonia, located at Samoilova 21, 1000 Skopje, at tel: (02) 310-2000 within Macedonia, or (+389) (2) 310-2000 internationally, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is (02) 310-2000.
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